GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1983
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DAM ON KAMLA AND BAGMATI RIVERS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that various parts of Jharkhand especially Sahibganj, Pakud and Badahdawa districts have suffered a heavy loss of life and property due to floods;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to control the floods;

(c) whether the Union Government has directed the State Government to formulate a detailed project report for constructing high dam on Kamla and Bagmati rivers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir. As per the information available no report of damage due to floods from the State of Jharkhand has been received during 2004.

(b) The State of Jharkhand has been allocated an amount of Rs.68.91 crore in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2004- 05, comprising of Rs. 51.68 crore as Central share and Rs.17.23 crore as State share. The first instalment (50%) of Central share of CRF for the current year has been released.

Further, one scheme namely Anti Erosion Works on the Right Bank of River Ganga down-stream of Raj Mahal estimated to cost Rs.3.08 crore has been included in the Centrally sponsored scheme with a Central share of Rs. 2.30 crore.

(c) & (d) In the second meeting of the India-Nepal Joint Committee on Water Resources held in October, 2004 it has been agreed that feasibility study of the Kamla and preliminary study of Bagmati Multipurpose Projects would be carried out by the Joint Project Office of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme to ascertain the likely constraints in implementation of these projects so that these could be appropriately addressed.